

Surf Life Saving Association of Australia

SYDNEY BRANCH

SEASON 1967-68

19th Annual Report and

Financial Statements

BURNING PALMS

ERA

GARIE

CRONULLA

NORTH CRONULLA

ELOUERA

WANDA

SOUTH MAROUBRA

MAROUBRA

COOGEE

CLOVELLY

BRONTE

TAMARAMA

BONDI

NORTH BONDI



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 3.

Officers, Delegates and Clubs are reminded of the Annual General Meeting to be held at the Aquatic Club on Tuesday next, September 3. Club Secretaries should particularly advise new delegates who may not otherwise receive notice of the meeting.

AFFILIATIONS, 1968-69.

At the time of writing, affiliations have been received from the following Clubs -

Garie, Wanda, South Maroubra, Maroubra, Clovelly and Era.

All other Clubs are reminded that the Affiliation Form, together with the fee (\$20) should be in the Branch's hands prior to the Annual Meeting.

CARNIVALS, 1968-69.

Applications for carnival dates have been received from -

Garie - Open; North Cronulla - Open; Bronte - Branch Championships;
No.1 District - Restricted; Wanda - Open.

All other Clubs desiring to conduct carnivals, either open or restricted, are reminded they must lodge application before the Annual General Meeting.

NOMINATIONS - N.S.W. STATE CENTRE, 1968-69.

The following nominations have been received and will be endorsed or otherwise at the Annual General Meeting.

E.J. Marsden - Judiciary, Meritorious Awards, Life Membership Committee.
B. Brewin - Honorary Secretary.
N. Dixon - Honorary Secretary.
W. Rennie - Coach, N.S.W. Team.
A. Moseley - Reel Inspector; State Team Selection Committee; Competitions
Conditions Committee; Gear Committee.
W. Crain - Legal Advisor; Judiciary, Herald Gear Fund, Constitution C'tees
J. Vaughan - Finance Committee.
R. Howells - Deputy President.
J. Switzer - Deputy Superintendent, State Team Selection Committee.

NATIONAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS, 1968-69.

The following nominations have been received for office in the National Council -

W. Crain - Legal Advisor
G.B. Staunton - Hon. Secretary/Treasurer
H. Brown - Assistant Secretary/Registrar

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SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY BRANCH

Notice is hereby given that the 19th Annual General Meeting of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia, Sydney Branch, will be held at the Aquatic Club, 2 Riley Street, Sydney, on Tuesday, September 3, 1968, commencing at 7.15 p.m.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of the 18th Annual General Meeting, held on Tuesday, September 5, 1967. (Minutes of the 18th Annual General Meeting have previously been circulated and on a motion carried at the Branch Council, a recommendation has been made for their adoption.)
2. Club affiliations and accreditation of Club Delegates.
3. Apologies.
4. Welcome.
5. Presentation of 19th Annual Report for Season 1967-68.
6. Presentation of Audited Financial Statement for Season 1967-68.
7. Election of Officers.
8. Election of Committees.
9. Confirmation of Board of Examiners' Officers and Committees.
10. Allocation of Carnival dates for Season 1968-69.
11. General Business -
 - (a) Correspondence
 - (b) Reports
 - (c) As may occur.

G.B. STAUNTON,

Honorary Secretary
Surf Life Saving Assn of Aust.,
Sydney Branch.

SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY BRANCH

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

SEASON 1967-68

Patron

The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of Sydney, Ald. Armstrong.
(Resigned November, 1967)

Vice-Patrons

Ald. E. Page, Mayor of Waverley	
Ald. W. Haigh, Mayor of Randwick	
Cr. A. Gietzelt, Sutherland Shire Council	
J. Ferguson, Royal Nat. Park Trust	
R. Askin, M.L.A.	H. Alce (Millers Brewery)
J. Renshaw, M.L.A.	F.J. Palmer
D. Curtin, M.H.R.	L.J. Hooker
W. Aston, M.H.R.	D. Golder (B.P. Aust. Ltd.)
D. Dobie, M.H.R.	W. Stephenson (Radio 2SM)
K. Ellis, M.L.A.	R. Delohery (Schweppes)
S. Einfeld, M.L.A.	J. Tier (Sun Newspapers)
K. Doyle, M.L.A.	R. O'Keefe (Life Savers Equip. Fund)
I. Griffith, M.L.A.	K. Wilson (Astor Radio)
L. Walsh, M.L.A.	G. Doherty (Slazengers)
Judge J. Harvey Prior	C. Jones (Columbia Pictures)
Sir Norman Nock	J. Jennings
R. McPhillips	B. Looker (Scottish Amicable L.A.S.)

President

A.R. Loton

Deputy President

D.C. Lucas

Vice-Presidents

R. Howells, W. Marshall, E. Stephens, E. Sier (res. Jan.)
P. Ainsworth (elect. Feb.); and Presidents of all
Affiliated Clubs

Trustees

W. Crain, A. Loton, G. Staunton

Hon. Secretary

G.B. Staunton

Hon. Assistant Secretary
T. Elliott

Hon. Legal Officer
W. Crain

Hon. Treasurer
J. Vaughan

Hon. Publicity Officer
H. Durant (res. Feb.)
B. Regan (elect. March)

Hon. Assistant Treasurer
M. Don

Hon. Branch Superintendent
J. Switzer

Hon. Registrar
H. Brown

Hon. Deputy Branch Superintendent
A. Moseley

Hon. Assistant Registrar
R. Pears

Hon. Sec., Board of Examiners
J. Vaughan

Hon. Insurance Officer
B. Regan

Hon. Auditor
P. Stapleton

Hon. District Supervisors

No.1 District - W. Winzer

No.3 District - K. Messenger

No.2 District - W. Rennie

No.4 District - W. Young

Hon. Assistant District Supervisors

No.1 District - F. Osborne

No.3 District - J. Solomon

No.2 District - E. Stephens

No.4 District - J. Orrell

Hon. Boat Inspector
G. Challis

Hon. Gear Steward
A. Moseley

Delegates to N.S.W. State Centre

G. Staunton (Council and Management), J. Vaughan (Council)

Executive - Delegates

W. Hodges (Cronulla), F. Osborne (Era), R. Sargeant (Wanda),
R. Sheldon (Tamarama), R. Spankie (South Maroubra), P. Stapleton (Bondi).

Points Recorders

A. Moseley, J. Switzer

Hon. Medical Officers

Doctors B. Clifton, G. Cummins, Elliot-Smith, N. Hing, R. Holland.

Judiciary Committee

R. Buist, W. Crain, R. Hoffmann, R. Howells, R. McKenna.

Life Membership Committee

R. Howells, A. Loton, D. Lucas, R. McKenna, J. Switzer.

Boat Committee

*G. Challis, N. Dixon, H. Durant, A. Johnston, A. Menzies

Constitution Committee

*W. Crain, A. Loton, J. Switzer.

Gear Improvement Committee

R. Howells, J. Marsden, K. Messenger, A. Moseley, F. Osborne, R. Sargeant,
*J. Switzer.

Branch Selection Committee

R. Leix, J. Marsden, A. Moseley, R. Howells, *J. Switzer.

Competition Conditions Committee

*R. Buist, A. Moseley, H. Spurway, J. Switzer, J. Vaughan.

Finance, Purchases & Contracts Committee

R. Buist, M. Don, R. Howells, A. Loton, *J. Vaughan.

Resuscitation Committee

L. Buck, R. Howells, J. Marsden, K. Messenger, A. Moseley, J. Oldham,
*J. Switzer.

Meritorious Awards Committee

R. Howells, G. Johnson, J. Marsden, A. Moseley, R. McKenna, *J. Switzer,
J. Vaughan.

Gear Inspection Committee

P. Ainsworth, R. Davison, N. Dixon, W. Hodges, G. Johnson, R. Leix,
K. Messenger, M. Moroney, *A. Moseley, K. Midson, J. Oldham, J. Orrell,
F. Osborne, W. Rennie, H. Spurway, W. Winzer.

*Convenor of Committee.

N.B. The Branch Hon. Secretary is ex-officio a member of all Branch
Committees, excluding Board Committees.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS

Life Members

V. Besemo	J. Marsden	H. Small
L. Buck	R. Michaelis	J. Switzer
A. Castleman	R. Moroney	J. Vaughan
R. Howells	A. Moseley	K. Watson
G. Johnson	A. Olson	G. Williams
D. Lucas	A. Purcell	V. Williams
L. McDonald	E. Sier	G. Wilson
R. McKenna		

Active Members

P. Ainsworth	R. Davison	J. May	M. Santos
K. Andrews	A. Dickson	D. Medlin	R. Sargeant
R. Avery	P. Dickson	K. Messenger	J. Sayle
C. Bazeley	N. Dixon	A. Metti	V. Sedgwick
R. Bear	J. Donohoe	K. Midson	R. Sheldon
R. Bignold	S. D'Ornay	M. Moroney	P. Simms
C. Brady	W. Eady	F. Moss	M. Sinclair
B. Brewin	B. Ezzy	D. Murray	V. Sinclair
R. Bridges	N. Ford	J. Northmore	J. Solomon
E. Brooker	S. Gibson	J. Oldham	H. Spurway
J. Brown	P. Gleeson	J. Orrell	P. Stapleton
T. Carter	R. Halpin	F. Osborne	A. Stenhouse
J. Casey	W. Hodges	C. Owens	E. Stephens
C. Christiansen	J. Hollingdale	J. Pelling	G. Stubbs
D. Cleary	R. Horton	A. Pepper	W. Swingler
R. Cocking	A. Kelly	W. Rennie	A. Watts
P. Coles	R. Leix	G. Reeves	B. Walker
J. Cooksley	K. Lonsdale	J. Rogers	J. Weber
R. Craig	L. McNamara	A. Ryan	W. Winzer
E. Cross	K. Manton	R. Sandstrom	B. York
R. Davey			W. Young

Long Service Members: B. Crisp, H. Hodge, L. Johnson,
J. Minahan, V. Mulcahy, T. Wheeler.

Country Members: J. Craig, D. Fryer, K. Grant, G. Hogarth,
N. Jennings, A. Jordan, B. May, D. Park,
B. Vaughan, J. Wardall.

FOREWORD

The ensuing report, capably prepared by the Honorary Secretary, is indicative of the continued progress of the Surf Life Saving Association in this Branch.

Despite growing demands, it is pleasing to see that our members are still instilled with the prime object of the movement in protecting the lives of the surf bathing public, and to note that Club Officials, etc., are assiduously working towards providing their members with increasing amenities which are so necessary for continued advancement.

It is pleasing to note that we now have a fully operative Club at Elouera in this expanding area.

A.R. LOTON, B.Ec.

President,
Surf Life Saving Assn of Aust.
Sydney Branch.

SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY BRANCH

19th ANNUAL REPORT

To be presented to the 19th Annual General Meeting of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia, Sydney Branch, at the Aquatic Club, 2 Riley Street, Sydney, on Tuesday, September 3, 1968.

Mr. President, Gentlemen:

It is once again my pleasure to present for your consideration and, I trust, adoption, the Annual Report of the Sydney Branch.

The report will be the 19th since the formation of the Branch, but will mark at least 62 years of operation by some of our member Clubs.

In some respects, the season has been a repetition of others, but in other ways, it has brought its own individual challenges and difficulties.

We have witnessed the continued efficient functioning of the Branch Council; on the other hand, the Executive, which for so many years was the pivot of Branch administration, has almost ceased to exist as an identity. The conducting of the Doorknock Appeal called for a high degree of co-operation between the Clubs and, in turn, between their members. Whilst the Appeal was outstandingly successful, it is also generally agreed that the effort of most Clubs was far short of a maximum one.

We have maintained harmonious relationships with the N.S.W. State Centre and through that Centre, with the National Council and our kindred Branches.

The Branch displayed its supremacy in competition by winning the N.S.W. Interbranch contest and again taking off the 2SM Trophy for Branch competition at the Metropolitan Championships.

All the foregoing matters, and others, are set out in the Report in more detail.

With the removal from Office of the Council of the City of Sydney, the Branch has found itself in the strange position of being without a Patron. Contrary to popular opinion, the Constitution does not provide

that the Patron must be the Lord Mayor of the City of Sydney, but this is a practice which has become time-honoured.

A special committee has been set up to make recommendations and approaches in this matter and we trust they will be successful in appointing a Patron who will be actively interested in Surf Life Saving.

The Branch appears to have fallen into a "wasteland" of genuine interest by civil dignitaries and it is very many years since we have had a Patron, or a large number of our Vice-Patrons, attend an Annual General Meeting. Whilst on this matter, we must extend our sincere appreciation to the Premier, Mr. Askin, M.L.A., for his thoughtfulness in requesting Mr. Einfeld, M.L.A., to represent him at the last Annual Meeting.

Above all, the Branch has continued to carry out its prime task of controlling Surf Life Saving on our beaches, which attract millions of swimmers each summer and, in this respect of safeguarding the beaches, the Clubs and their members have rendered outstanding service.

I trust you will find the remainder of the report accurate and in a style easy to read.

BRANCH COUNCIL.

The Branch Council has continued to meet on the first Tuesday of each and every month at the very congenial surroundings of the Aquatic Club.

We are indeed grateful to His Honour Judge Harvey Prior and the Committee of the Aquatic Club for the facilities made available to us and also to the Manager, Mr. Wagstaffe, and his Staff for their courteous attention at all times.

When it is considered that the Branch Executive has virtually ceased to function as an administrative body, it is surprising to find that the Council meetings are not being swamped by a great number of routine matters. On the whole, the Council meetings normally conclude in the proximity of 9 p.m., and the facilities available at the Club have undoubtedly contributed towards the building of a social atmosphere surrounding Branch Council meetings.

The affairs of the Council have been promulgated to Clubs, Officers and Delegates by means of Minutes being circulated and also the monthly Branch circular. Wherever possible, the monthly circular is supplemented by special bulletins but, on the whole, the circular and Minutes remain the prime contact between the Branch and its Clubs.

Attendance records of Officers and Delegates, which are set out in this report, speak for themselves and we must congratulate those members of the Council who have been so regular in their attendance and by their

presence, have allowed the Council to function in its correct manner.

Unfortunately, owing to an accident in January, I found it necessary to be absent from four Council meetings and I must extend my own personal appreciation to the Branch Treasurer, Mr. John Vaughan, and the Assistant Secretary, Mr. Trevor Elliott, who assumed the Secretarial duties at the meetings in my absence. Fortunately, the injuries sustained did not prohibit my attending to Association affairs of a clerical nature.

Officers	Possible	Attended	Apology	Absent
A. Loton, President	12	12	-	-
D. Lucas, Deputy President	12	9	3	-
R. Howells, Vice-President	12	3	-	9
W. Marshall, Vice-President	12	12	-	-
E. Sier, Vice-President	5	3	2	-
P. Ainsworth, Vice-President	7	1	3	3
E. Stephens, Vice-President	12	11	1	-
G. Staunton, Hon. Secretary	12	8	4	-
J. Vaughan, Hon. Treasurer	12	11	1	-
H. Brown, Hon. Registrar	12	12	-	-
T. Elliott, Hon. Asst. Secretary	12	12	-	-
M. Don, Hon. Asst. Treasurer	10	9	1	-
R. Pears, Hon. Asst. Registrar	12	7	1	4
B. Regan, Insurance Officer	12	9	2	1
H. Durant, Publicity Officer	6	4	2	-
J. Switzer, Branch Superintendent	12	12	-	-
A. Moseley, Deputy Superintendent	12	12	-	-
W. Winzer, No.1 Dist. Supervisor	12	7	-	5
W. Rennie, No.2 Dist. Supervisor	12	7	-	5
K. Messenger, No.3 Dist. Supervisor	12	8	-	4
W. Young, No.4 Dist. Supervisor	12	8	-	4
G. Challis, Boat Inspector	12	9	2	1
W. Crain, Legal Officer	12	5	1	6
P. Stapleton, Auditor	12	7	1	4
R. Moroney, Life Member	12	8	4	-

Club Delegates	Possible	Attended	Proxy	Apology	Absent
Bondi:					
J. Cooksley	12	5	-	3	4
P. Stapleton	6	5	-	1	-
A. Scott	6	2	-	-	4
Bronte:					
A. Menzies	12	3	-	-	9
G. Reeves	12	5	-	2	5
Burning Palms:					
H. Durant	6	4	1	1	-
R. Spencer	12	4	6	1	1
T. Beckett	6	5	-	1	-
Clovelly:					
H. Lawson	12	10	-	1	1
K. Keir	12	9	-	1	2

<u>Club Delegates (Continued)</u>		<u>Possible</u>	<u>Attended</u>	<u>Proxy</u>	<u>Apology</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Coogee:	D. Cleary	12	2	-	-	10
	K. Messenger	12	8	-	-	4
Cronulla:	J. Craig	6	2	2	-	2
	W. Hodges	12	10	-	1	1
	R. McClelland	6	4	1	1	-
Elouera:	J. Gilligan	12	2	-	2	8
	K. Quealy	8	4	-	1	3
	P. Scott	4	3	-	-	1
Era:	F. Osborne	12	9	-	3	-
	T. Miller	12	10	-	-	2
Garie:	M. Blackman	12	5	-	5	2
	H. Bretherton	12	11	-	1	-
Maroubra:	B. Brewin	12	7	-	2	3
	H. Ryan	12	10	-	-	2
Nth Bondi:	A. Wood	12	10	-	2	-
	W. Glassington	12	2	1	4	5
Nth Cronulla:	I. Badham	12	10	-	-	2
	J. Dewey	12	8	-	2	2
Sth Maroubra:	J. Connell	12	10	-	1	1
	R. Spankie	12	10	-	-	2
Tamarama:	R. Gilroy	12	5	4	1	2
	R. Sheldon	12	11	1	-	-
Wanda:	I. Channells	12	9	-	3	-
	R. Sargeant	2	1	-	-	1
	N. Skillicorn	10	8	-	1	1

<u>Club Presidents</u>	<u>Possible</u>	<u>Attended</u>	<u>Apology</u>	<u>Absent</u>
B. McDonald, Bondi	12	7	2	3
F. Norton, Bronte	12	2	3	7
F. Edmonds, Burning Palms	12	-	1	11
E. Hooper, Clovelly	12	-	-	12
B. Cribb, Coogee	12	1	-	11
N. Dixon, Cronulla	12	8	1	3
J. Hughes, Elouera	12	1	-	11
R. Davison, Era	12	6	1	5
R. Hoffmann, Garie	12	9	2	1
C. Morris, Maroubra	12	10	1	1
C. Christensen, Nth Bondi	12	11	-	1
H. Brown, Nth Cronulla	12	12	-	-
L. Dynan, Sth Maroubra	12	12	-	-
R. Buist, Tamarama	12	12	-	-
K. Garthon, Wanda	12	9	2	1

BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

Continuity of Office Bearers undoubtedly leads to a situation of solidarity and this is the case with our Board of Examiners. The Superintendent, Jim Switzer, has concluded another year in this most important office and has been very capably assisted by Albert (Ike) Moseley as Deputy Superintendent and John Vaughan as Secretary of the Board.

Sydney Branch Board members played active and important roles in the conducting of the N.S.W. Championships and also the staging of the Australian Championships, which this season were held at North Cronulla. In addition to these carnivals, there was the full complement of Sydney restricted and open carnivals, together with the Metropolitan Championships, the N.S.W. Interbranch Championships and the various local Club competitions. Awards for the season indicate further that the Board members were diligent in their duties and the total of 531 awards for the season is most creditable and is an increase of 90 on the previous season.

Towards the close of the season, the Board were instrumental in the preparation of material to be submitted through the N.S.W. State Centre to the National Council for the forthcoming Instructional Conference. The findings of this Conference will not be implemented during the active part of next season, but could well be available for instruction to Clubs during the winter months and in this respect also, we must look to our Board of Examiners to spearhead the introduction of new methods and procedures.

We are informed that the Superintendent and Secretary of the Board will not be seeking re-election to these positions in the coming season and we do trust that the Board and the Branch will be fortunate enough in securing members of the ability of these two outstanding retiring Officers.

A list of the members of the Board of Examiners is set out in the early pages of this report and to each and every one of these gentlemen, we extend our sincere appreciation of their continued co-operation and assistance.

AWARDS.

Figures available for awards gained during the concluding season show a happy rise over the 1966-68 season and we trust that this upward trend will continue. For your information and comparison, figures are set out over recent seasons and we have a constant rise and fall in this respect which gives evidence to some type of a saturation point in our present structure and Club facilities.

	<u>1963-64</u>	<u>1964-65</u>	<u>1965-66</u>	<u>1966-67</u>	<u>1967-68</u>
Bronze Medallions.....	330	321	373	242	355
Instructors Certificates....	59	68	82	59	63
Qualifying Certificates.....	<u>47</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>161</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>113</u>
<u>Total.....</u>	<u>436</u>	<u>488</u>	<u>616</u>	<u>441</u>	<u>531</u>

RESCUES.

The lifeblood of our movement is the Club member who is actively engaged in patrolling the beach and to each and every one of these members, we extend our very sincere appreciation for their devotion to duty. Championships are conducted to maintain a high standard amongst our members, but all too often the glamour of our movement goes to the competitive stars and we tend to ignore the member on the beach who is actively engaged in the purpose for which we have been organised.

The rescue figures set out below, whilst being more than last season, are still considerably short of those seasons ranging from 1963 to 1965 and we feel that this continuing low rescue figure gives evidence of the vigilance of the patrols in their crowd control and also we trust it gives evidence that the members of the surfing public are becoming more aware of the safety factors concerning surfing and we look to a gradual decline of figures in this respect.

Below are set out figures for the current season, compared to previous years -

	<u>1963-64</u>	<u>1964-65</u>	<u>1965-66</u>	<u>1966-67</u>	<u>1967-68</u>
With line.....	710	879	753	528	512
With surf boat.....	66	19	19	24	13
Without line.....	656	489	363	445	503
With other gear.....	<u>76</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>110</u>
<u>Total.....</u>	<u>1508</u>	<u>1492</u>	<u>1179</u>	<u>1081</u>	<u>1138</u>

MEMBERSHIP.

This report in the past has, on many occasions, sounded a warning concerning the various declines with respect to membership and it is a pleasure on this occasion to advise that the membership has reached an all-time high figure.

The most important category when considering membership is, of course, the active member who is the backbone of the patrols. It is pleasing to note that this number is still remaining somewhat static; a slight improvement of 30 members on last year is inconsequential when compared to previous years and, indeed, this figure shows a certain amount of slight fluctuation each year.

The Reserve Active figure shows an increase of some 200 and this, of course, is preferable to an increase being associated with the categories of "Associate" or "Other".

The Cadets show a slight decline which is surprising, considering the much publicised anticipated advantages that the "Nipper" movement would have on our Clubs. To be sure, the decline is only 35, but when we had been anticipating an increase, it becomes all the more noticeable.

Comparison figures for previous seasons are set out below -

	<u>1963-64</u>	<u>1964-65</u>	<u>1965-66</u>	<u>1966-67</u>	<u>1967-68</u>
Active.....	1546	1561	1589	1515	1545
Reserve Active.....	777	949	689	752	956
Cadet.....	183	191	239	290	255
Associate.....	1012	1010	1038	1155	1197
Others.....	<u>688</u>	<u>790</u>	<u>1070</u>	<u>980</u>	<u>944</u>
Total.....	<u>4207</u>	<u>4501</u>	<u>4625</u>	<u>4692</u>	<u>4897</u>

CARNIVALS.

Misguided members of the public sometimes criticise the apparent pre-occupation of the Association with staging carnivals and similar contests, but it should be apparent to the person who is prepared to rationalise the matter, that a well-skilled crew or individual who is in first-class condition for his competitions against other Clubs, would be the best person or crew to assist or to stage a rescue should it be required. The lightness of surf craft has been debated on many occasions, but undoubtedly a craft which can be more easily managed to the water's edge and launched, has the advantage over the more cumbersome craft which would require many more people to successfully launch and even more skill would be required of the crew to successfully affect a rescue.

Concern has been expressed at the apparent reluctance of some Clubs within the Sydney Branch to stage carnivals and it is acknowledged that this is an onerous task and the financial return is highly problematical. Nevertheless, the Branch does need an active programme of carnivals within its area to promote the competition that the members require and also to ensure the Branch has adequate carnivals over which to conduct the various trophies which are donated from time to time.

Open carnivals conducted in the Branch during the concluding season were as under -

December 3, 1967.....Garie
 January 6, 1968.....Wanda
 January 20, 1968.....Bronte
 March 2, 1968.....Coogee (Branch Champs.)
 March 23, 1968.....Bronte (Sydney Interdistrict)

In addition, the N.S.W. Interbranch Championships were staged at Maroubra on February 3 and the Metropolitan Championships were conducted at Bondi on March 9. The Australian Championships, conducted at North Cronulla, over March 12, 13 and 14, are mentioned elsewhere in this report.

Undoubtedly our Clubs conducting Championship events such as the Interbranch, the Metropolitan and the Australian Championships, would not occur every season and normally these Clubs would conduct open Branch Carnivals. However, there are other Clubs who can assist in this regard and we look forward to their co-operation.

No fewer than six restricted carnivals were staged in the Branch during the season and undoubtedly in many respects, the competition displayed at these localised contests is equal to anything seen at the more widely publicised carnivals.

During the winter months, a beach events convention and a water events convention were conducted, the findings from which have been discussed by the Branch and will undoubtedly lead to a brightening of our carnivals in coming seasons.

The Branch, during the winter months, formed a committee to look into the matter of a standardised system for the closing of entries for carnivals. Their report is currently being discussed.

Scottish Amicable Surf Reel.

The previous annual report recorded our appreciation to the Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society for their very generous and tangible donation of three stainless steel surf reels. One of these reels was allocated for competition between the two Branches at the Metropolitan Championships and the remaining reels were allocated - one to Sydney Branch and one to Manly-Warringah Branch for internal competition.

The Sydney Branch reel was allocated for a pointscore competition based upon the results of cadet events at all Branch carnivals. The contest was particularly popular with the Clubs and to the winners, Wanda S.L.S.C., we extend our sincere congratulations.

Conditions for the contest for the reel won by the Sydney Branch at the Metropolitan Championships are currently being considered by the Competitions Conditions Committee.

Whilst on the matter of carnivals, mention must be made of the Branch's efforts to acquire a full set of carnival equipment and undoubtedly, this equipment will render a Club's task much easier in staging a carnival. The gear trailer very kindly donated by the B.P. Company to the Branch was utilised as the basis for acquiring carnival equipment and we are indebted to all those Companies and individuals who donated

the various pieces of equipment. Especially we must thank the following -

Schweppes (Aust.) Limited,	\$100.00
Shulton Aust. Pty. Ltd.,	\$100.00
Lifesavers Aust. Limited,	\$100.00
Harry West Pty. Ltd.,	Set of swimming buoys
Downes & Sons.,	Mooring ropes, running lanes, etc.
Comalco (Aust.) Pty. Ltd.,	Aluminium tubing, etc., for beach tripods, markers, etc.

INTERDISTRICT CARNIVAL, BRONTE, MARCH 23, 1968.

During the visit to Australia by the U.S.A. Team, a carnival was held at the North Cronulla Beach, comprising representative teams of the various Districts, also the Sydney Branch Team and the American contingent. The carnival was successful and the idea of an annual contest between the Districts in the Branch grew to fruition with the first true Interdistrict Carnival being held in March this season at Bronte.

The carnival was conducted in ideal weather conditions and to the Carnival Organiser, Mr. Gus Reeves, also to the Officials of the Bronte Club, we must extend our appreciation at their assuming the task of staging this particular carnival.

Competition, whilst beginning slow, increased in tempo during the day and our congratulations are extended to the No.2 District (Cronulla, North Cronulla, Wanda and Elouera) for their victory with 64 points over the No.3 District (South Maroubra, Maroubra, Coogee, Clovelly) with 51 points. Other placings in the carnival were - 3rd, No.4 District (Tamarama, Bronte, Bondi, North Bondi), 49 points; and 4th, No.1 District (Burning Palms, Era, Garie), 21 points.

Arising from the carnival, the Branch Superintendent has recommended that the contest should again be conducted in the 1968-69 season and also that the event should be staged earlier than it was this season.

SYDNEY BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS, COOGEE, MARCH 2, 1968.

Over recent years, the Coogee Club have conducted a number of Championship carnivals and undoubtedly their experience in this regard stands them in good stead. The Championships this season were no exception to the Coogee record and high standard. To the Carnival Organiser, Mr. McGrath, and to the Carnival Secretary, Mr. Johnston, we extend our appreciation of their efforts.

Weather conditions were inclement and the final portion of the carnival was only slightly marred by a drizzle. The events were conducted without incident and to the Branch Superintendent, Mr. Jim Switzer, and his assistants, we also extend our congratulations upon a task well done.

The Branch Superintendent was instrumental in having the programme of

events at the Branch Championships brought into line with the N.S.W. Titles and we witnessed an expanded programme of events, which appeared to be very well received by the spectators and competitors alike.

Individual congratulations are extended to all those Clubs who competed so successfully and especially to the Wanda Club, who top-scored the pointscore of the day with a total of 62 points. North Cronulla was second with 54 points and Cronulla, with 49½ points, third.

Results of the Championships are detailed as under -

<u>March Past:</u>	1. Coogee; 2. North Bondi; 3. North Cronulla.
<u>Senior R. & R.:</u>	1. Bondi; 2. Cronulla; 3. North Cronulla.
<u>Junior R. & R.:</u>	1. Bondi; 2. Wanda "A"; 3. North Cronulla.
<u>Senior Belt:</u>	1. G. Elliott (Cronulla); 2. R. Hardie (Clovelly); 3. L. Harris (Bondi).
<u>Junior Belt:</u>	1. L. Emery (Bondi); 2. P. Stone (Cronulla); 3. G. Dunn (Coogee).
<u>Senior Surf:</u>	1. G. Rogers (Clovelly); 2. R. Rogers (Clovelly); 3. R. Silcock (Clovelly).
<u>Junior Surf:</u>	1. J. Holt (Cronulla); 2. W. James (North Cronulla); 3. D-H, R. Rogers (Clovelly), K. Neilsen (Cronulla).
<u>Senior Teams:</u>	1. Clovelly; 2. North Cronulla; 3. North Bondi.
<u>Junior Teams:</u>	1. Clovelly; 2. North Cronulla; 3. Bondi.
<u>Cadet Surf:</u>	1. K. Neilsen (Cronulla); 2. I. Cohen (Cronulla); 3. N. Rogers (Clovelly).
<u>Senior Boat:</u>	1. Wanda "A"; 2. North Bondi "A"; 3. Maroubra "B".
<u>Long Board Teams:</u>	1. North Cronulla; 2. Wanda; 3. Maroubra.
<u>Malibu Board Teams:</u>	1. Wanda; 2. North Cronulla; 3. Maroubra.
<u>Junior Boat:</u>	1. Wanda; 2. Maroubra; 3. North Bondi.
<u>Single Ski:</u>	1. B. Trouville (Maroubra); 2. J. Gibbons (Wanda); 3. R. Cansdell (Wanda).
<u>Double Ski:</u>	1. R. Dews-G. Davis (Wanda); 2. B. Trouville-C. Hunter (Mar.); 3. K. Rosewell-R. Simpson (Clovelly).
<u>Long Board:</u>	1. A. Menzies, (Bronte); 2. J. Salmon (Wanda); 3. J. Coates (Maroubra).
<u>Malibu Board:</u>	1. J. Salmon (Wanda); 2. D. O'Brien (Bronte); 3. J. Coates (Maroubra).
<u>Beach Sprint:</u>	1. B. Jones (Nth Cronulla); 2. P. Costello (Coogee); 3. R. Middledorp (Coogee).
<u>Beach Relay:</u>	1. North Cronulla; 2. Coogee; 3. North Bondi.
<u>Musical Flags:</u>	1. L. Cleall (Cronulla); 2. R. Fox (Nth Cronulla); 3. G. Calnan (Nth Cronulla).
<u>Chariot Race:</u>	1. Cronulla "A"; 2. Cronulla "B".
<u>Pillow Fight:</u>	1. P. Tagett (Nth Cronulla); 2. P. Day (Cronulla); 3. J. Mudge (Coogee).
<u>Surf Ski Teams:</u>	1. Wanda "A"; 2. Maroubra; 3. Wanda "B".
<u>Junior Beach Sprint:</u>	1. D. Seiden (Nth Bondi); 2. K. Brown (Cronulla); 3. M. Fisher (Bondi).

Cadet Beach Sprint: 1. G. Oliver (Wanda); 2. B. Blomberg (Coogee);
3. G. Vickers (Wanda).
Junior Musical Flags: 1. G. Sellers (Bondi); 2. J. Barber (Nth Bondi);
3. K. Brown (Cronulla).
Cadet Musical Flags: 1. P. Ellis (Nth Cronulla); 2. M. Hutton (Wanda);
3. G. Vickers (Wanda).
Junior Beach Relay: 1. Cronulla "A"; 2. North Bondi; 3. Coogee.
Cadet Beach Relay: 1. Wanda "B"; 2. Coogee; 3. Maroubra.

METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, BONDI, MARCH 9 and APRIL 6, 1968.

The Annual Interbranch contest between Sydney and Manly-Warringah for the 2SM Challenge Trophy has been over recent years known as the Metropolitan Championships and the carnival is conducted on a rotating basis between the Branches. The venue for the concluding season was the responsibility of the Sydney Branch and the carnival was duly scheduled to be held at Bondi on March 9.

Weather conditions could best be described as appalling and it was found after events had commenced that it was necessary to postpone a number of events including the Junior Belt Race, both the Senior and Junior R. & R., and the Senior Belt Championship to a later date. Beach events were conducted in the afternoon and congratulations are again extended to the Sydney Branch Superintendent, Mr. Switzer, and also the Manly-Warringah Branch Superintendent, Mr. Hec McDonald, and their respective Board of Examiners members for the conducting of the events under very trying conditions.

It is particularly pleasing to again record the Sydney Branch's victory in this important carnival and it is worthy of note also that the 2SM Trophy has not been taken from the Sydney Branch since its inception.

Our appreciation is also extended to the Bondi Club and in particular their Carnival Organisers. It is unfortunate that apparently the carnival was conducted at a financial loss.

The 1969 carnival will be conducted at a venue in the Manly-Warringah Branch to be advised and we do trust that we will again witness a large contingent of Sydney Branch competitors taking part in the carnival, with the intention of again securing the Metropolitan Championship Trophy.

Results of the events are set out as under -

March Past: 1. Collaroy; 2. Coogee; 3. South Curl Curl.
Senior R. & R.: 1. Bondi; 2. North Cronulla; 3. Cronulla.
Junior R. & R.: 1. Bondi; 2. North Cronulla; 3. Wanda.
Senior Belt: 1. R. Wilcock (Nth Cronulla); 2. R. Hardie (Clovelly);
3. B. Egan (Cronulla).
Junior Belt: 1. L. Emery (Bondi); 2. W. James (Nth Cronulla);
3. T. Hixson (Collaroy).

Senior Surf: 1. G. Rogers (Clovelly); 2. R. Cooper (Collaroy);
3. P. Smiles (Nth Bondi).
Junior Surf: 1. J. Holt (Cronulla); 2. M. Anderson (Collaroy);
3. A. Burns (Clovelly).
Senior Teams: 1. Clovelly; 2. Collaroy; 3. Bondi.
Junior Teams: 1. Collaroy; 2. Cronulla; 3. Clovelly.
Open Surf (N.C.): 1. C. Longley (South Curl Curl); 2. A. Donaldson (Collaroy);
3. A. Coates (Maroubra).
Cadet Surf: 1. K. Neilson (Cronulla); 2. K. Halpin (Cronulla);
3. G. Oakley (Maroubra).
Senior Boat: 1. North Steyne; 2. North Narrabeen; 3. Newport.
Junior Boat: 1. Freshwater; 2. Queenscliff; 3. Tamarama.
Iron Man: 1. B. Rodgers (Maroubra); 2. A. Coates (Maroubra);
3. D. Heussner (Maroubra).
Junior Surf (N.C.): 1. C. Longley (South Curl Curl); 2. P. Bennett (Maroubra);
3. M. Munro (Collaroy).
Single Ski: 1. D. Roberts (Freshwater); 2. R. Dews (Wanda);
3. P. Day (Cronulla).
Double Ski: 1. Gibbons-Cansdell (Wanda); 2. Rowswell-Simpson (Clovelly);
3. Brown-Tierney (North Cronulla).
Long Board: 1. A. Menzies (Bronte); 2. Firkin (Maroubra);
3. A. Coates (Maroubra).
Beach Sprint: 1. P. Busst (Dee Why); 2. D. Newton (Collaroy);
3. I. Harvey (Freshwater).
Beach Relay: 1. North Cronulla A; 2. North Curl Curl; 3. Collaroy A
Musical Flags: 1. J. Herebin (Nth Cronulla); 2. R. Fox (Nth Cronulla);
3. P. Booth (Collaroy).
Chariot Race: 1. Cronulla; 2. Collaroy.
Malibu Board: 1. Guthrie (North Bondi); 2. Goold (Cronulla);
3. R. Dews (Wanda).
Pillow Fight: 1. R. Berry (Whale Beach); 2. K. Davidson (Whale Beach);
3. P. Race (North Cronulla).
Junior Beach Sprint: 1. A. Black (Long Reef); 2. D. Seiden (Nth Bondi);
3. K. Brown (Cronulla).
Junior Beach Relay: 1. Cronulla; 2. Queenscliff; 3. North Curl Curl.
Cadet Beach Sprint: 1. R. Langbien (Collaroy); 2. P. Berghouse (Coogee);
3. S. King (North Curl Curl).
Cadet Beach Relay: 1. Wanda A; 2. North Curl Curl; 3. Collaroy.
Cadet Musical Flags: 1. G. Hoy (North Curl Curl); 2. D. Bliss (Coogee);
3. M. Hutton (Wanda).
Junior Musical Flags: 1. G. Hedger (Bondi); 2. G. Duncan (Sth Curl Curl);
3. R. Pickard (Freshwater).
Surf Ski Teams: 1. Wanda; 2. Maroubra; 3. North Cronulla.
Malibu Board Teams: 1. Maroubra; 2. Wanda; 3. North Cronulla.
Long Board Teams: 1. Maroubra; 2. Coogee.

INTERBRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS, MAROUBRA BEACH, FEBRUARY 3, 1968.

The Sydney Branch was victorious in the Interbranch Championships and the members of the Sydney Team were as under -

G. Elliott (Cronulla); B. Fretton (North Cronulla); G. Jones (Nth Cronulla);
B. Rodgers (Maroubra); L. Emery (Bondi); J. Holt (Cronulla);
R. Fox (North Cronulla); B. Maiden (Coogee); J. Gibbons (Wanda);
D. Heussner (Maroubra). Boat Crew - K. Bowers, F. Daniel, N. Dixon,
G. Forshaw and P. Fitzgerald (Cronulla).

The Team Manager was Mr. Bill Eady.

The Carnival was conducted under moderate conditions at the Maroubra Beach and was televised by Channel 2. The Mid North Coast Branch were the winners of the Country Division and to this Branch and, indeed, all others, we extend our congratulations upon their performances on the day. The Maroubra Club have been praised for their prior organisation of the carnival and we endorse these sentiments.

This is the first occasion that Sydney Branch has recorded a victory in the Interbranch carnivals; in previous years, various circumstances have combined to prohibit success in this regard and, therefore, we most sincerely extend to the Team Manager, Bill Eady, and to each and every member of the team, our sincere congratulations upon their outstanding performances. Besides winning the outright division, the Branch also recorded a victory in the Tom Meagher Handicap Pointscore Trophy.

Placings in the outright division were -

1st: Sydney, 59 points	2nd: Illawarra, 52 points
3rd: Newcastle, 46.5 points	4th: Manly-Warringah, 45.5 points
5th: Mid North Coast, 28 points	6th: Far North Coast, 23 points
7th: Central Coast, 16 points	8th: North Coast, 11 points
9th: Lower North Coast, 9 points	10th: Far South Coast, 5 points

N.S.W. CHAMPIONSHIPS, KINGSCLIFF BEACH, MARCH 16 and 17, 1968.

Being almost on the Queensland border, the State Championships conducted at Kingscliff Beach, represented a considerable amount of travel for the majority of competitors, but from all reports received, the carnival was well conducted and a credit to the Carnival Organisers and the Far North Coast Branch.

The Kingscliff Club is numerically a very small one, but it is understood that tangible support was forthcoming from various local organisations and also from the local urban committee.

Our congratulations are extended to the State Superintendent, Lionel McDonald, and the members of the Boards of Examiners, who brought the carnival to a successful conclusion. Congratulations are also ex-

tended to those members of the Sydney Branch who were successful on this occasion and their placings are recorded under -

<u>March Past:</u>	3. Coogee
<u>Senior R. & R.:</u>	1. Bondi; 2. North Cronulla; 3. Wanda; 4. Cronulla.
<u>Junior R. & R.:</u>	1. North Cronulla; 2. Bondi; 4. Wanda.
<u>Senior Belt:</u>	1. B. Rodgers (Maroubra); 2. B. Hutchings (Bondi).
<u>Junior Belt:</u>	2. L. Emery (Bondi); 4. P. Stone (Cronulla).
<u>Senior Surf:</u>	1. B. Rodgers (Maroubra); 3. G. Rogers (Clovelly).
<u>Junior Surf:</u>	2. R. Rogers (Clovelly); 4. J. Holt (Cronulla).
<u>Senior Team:</u>	2. Clovelly; 4. North Cronulla A
<u>Junior Team:</u>	2. Clovelly; 3. Cronulla; 4. North Cronulla A
<u>Cadet Surf:</u>	1. K. Nielson (Cronulla); 2. I. Cohen (Cronulla); 4. N. Rogers (Clovelly).
<u>Senior Boat:</u>	4. North Bondi.
<u>Junior Boat:</u>	3. North Bondi; 4. Wanda.
<u>Single Ski:</u>	1. B. Stuart (South Maroubra); 2. J. Gibbons (Wanda).
<u>Double Ski:</u>	1. B. Stuart-D. Green (South Maroubra); 4. J. Bourn-J. Tierney (North Cronulla).
<u>Long Board:</u>	1. D. Heussner (Maroubra); 4. A. Menzies (Bronte).
<u>Beach Relay:</u>	2. North Cronulla.
<u>Musical Flags:</u>	2. R. Fox (North Cronulla); 3. J. Horobin (Nth Cronulla).
<u>Chariot Race:</u>	4. Cronulla.
<u>Malibu Board:</u>	2. D. Heussner (Maroubra); 3. W. Cavanagh (Nth Cronulla).
<u>Pillow Fight:</u>	2. M. Johnson (Elouera); 4. A. Seeney (Bondi).
<u>Iron Man:</u>	1. B. Rodgers (Maroubra); 4. A. Coates (Maroubra).
<u>Junior Beach Relay:</u>	1. Cronulla.
<u>Junior Beach Sprint:</u>	3. K. Brown (Cronulla).
<u>Open Surf (N.C.):</u>	2. A. Burns (Clovelly); 3. R. Burns (Clovelly); 4. J. Ward (Coogee).
<u>Junior Surf (N.C.):</u>	1. L. Biram (Nth Bondi).

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP CARNIVALS, APRIL 12, 13 and 14, 1968.

Undoubtedly, one of the most thoroughly planned, efficiently conducted and successful Australian Championships held over recent years, was staged by the North Cronulla Club this season. Under the very capable leadership of Club President, Harry Brown, Club Secretary John Dewey, and a very large band of workers, the complex planning for the carnival was brought to fruition over the Easter week-end.

The Malibu Championships, also the Iron Man, Taplin Relay, etc., were conducted on Friday, April 12, with the Interstate Contest on Saturday, April 13, and finally, the Australian Interclub Championships on Sunday, April 14.

The Branch was extremely well represented in all capacities and a large number of championship placings were received by members of the Sydney Branch. The Malibu Championships were dominated by Sydney competitors, with W. Dews of Wanda winning the Senior Board Championship and A. Guthrie of North Bondi winning the Junior/Cadet division. We must

also at this stage extend our very sincere congratulations to Barry Rodgers, of Maroubra, for his outstanding victory over Hayden Kenny of Queensland in the Iron Man Race.

Results of the Interstate Contest are recorded under -

	<u>Qld.</u>	<u>N.S.W.</u>	<u>Vic.</u>	<u>Tas.</u>	<u>S.A.</u>	<u>W.A.</u>
Total Points	60	57	43	20	36	50
Champion State	1st	2nd	4th	6th	5th	3rd
Add Handicap Points	0	3	12	37	23.5	18.5
Handicap Total	60	60	55	57	59.5	68.5
Placing	3rd	2nd	6th	5th	4th	1st

The N.S.W. Team performed very creditably to record a 2nd place in the outright and also in the handicap divisions.

Fourteen placings were awarded to competitors and Clubs from the Sydney Branch in the Australian Interclub Championships and to these Clubs and competitors, we extend our very sincere congratulations upon their performance. Congratulations should also, at this stage, be extended to the Australian Superintendent, Jack Dearlove, and his very large number of Officials who conducted the carnival in a most efficient manner.

Placings recorded by Sydney competitors were -

<u>R. & R. Premiership:</u>	3. Bondi.
<u>Junior R. & R.:</u>	1. Bondi; 3. North Cronulla.
<u>Senior Belt:</u>	2. B. Rodgers (Maroubra).
<u>Senior Surf Teams:</u>	3. Clovelly.
<u>Junior Surf Teams:</u>	2. Clovelly.
<u>Surf Race:</u>	3. B. Rodgers (Maroubra).
<u>Surf Boat:</u>	2. Cronulla.
<u>Surf Board:</u>	1. D. Heussner (Maroubra).
<u>Single Ski:</u>	2. B. Stuart (South Maroubra).
<u>Double Ski:</u>	3. Coles & McGuire (North Bondi)
<u>Beach Relay:</u>	2. Coogee.
<u>Pillow Fight:</u>	2. M. Johnson (Elouera).
<u>Open Surf Race (N.C.):</u>	2. G. Rogers (Clovelly).
<u>Open Junior Surf Race (N.C.):</u>	3. R. Burns (Clovelly).
<u>Cadet Surf Race:</u>	1. K. Neilson (Cronulla).

CARNIVALS, 1968-69:

Considerable debate and concern surrounded the allocation of the Australian Championships to Tasmania and, more precisely, to the proposal of that State Centre to conduct the series of carnivals over two week-ends.

The Sydney Branch and the N.S.W. State Centre originally opposed the

proposal, but it was carried at the National Council, largely by the support of the smaller States and most Clubs then made their arrangements accordingly.

During May, the Victorian State Centre gave notice of motion that the Carnivals should be conducted over one week-end only and this rescission motion was carried. It was hoped that the Tasmanian State Centre would have selected the second of the original two proposed dates and also named the venue to be Burnie, since most Clubs had bookings and travelling arrangements already finalised in this regard. However, the Tasmanian State Centre saw fit to lodge another motion requesting entirely different dates of March 7, 8 and 9 and this matter being put to a postal vote, was carried by a strong majority of the other States, with N.S.W. opposing.

The scene for the Championships is still somewhat clouded, in so far as many Clubs who had originally anticipated strong contingents were then faced with the prospect of cancelling both accommodation and travel arrangements and endeavouring to finalise same for an alternate week-end; also, the many Club members who had arranged their annual holidays to coincide with the originally proposed dates, then found the situation changed.

We can, of course, only extend our best wishes to the Tasmanian State Centre and trust that they will be able to overcome the enormous difficulties which are now confronting them and wish them every success with the Carnivals, which will now be conducted at Clifton Beach, near Hobart.

The N.S.W. State Championships in 1968-69 will be conducted at Corrimal Beach on February 1 and 2.

The Metropolitan Championships are, of course, conducted on a rotation basis and the Carnival in 1969 will be held at Collaroy Beach, on Saturday, January 18.

The 1969 Interbranch Championships are to be conducted in the Central Coast Branch on Sunday, February 16.

Details of venues for the Sydney Branch Championships and also the Inter-district carnival will be finalised at the Annual General Meeting.

LIFE MEMBERS.

It was with a great deal of pleasure that the Branch learnt that the National Council at its Annual Meeting elevated Sydney Branch Life Member, Wal Crain, to life membership of the Association. Wal joins a very distinguished band of Life Members of the Association and it is very heartening to note the large number of whom also hold life membership in the Sydney Branch.

It is pleasing to see the large number of life members who retain their interest in the Branch and they are always made most welcome when

attending Branch Council meetings. A great many life members still hold active office and we do trust that we will have the benefit of their counsel and guidance for many years to come.

It is with the deepest regret and also with a sense of personal loss that we record the passing of Life Member Bill Foerster. Bill was active in the Association for almost all of his life and occupied a number of positions in the old Head Centre, also in the Sydney Branch, Manly-Warringah Branch and N.S.W. State Centre. A former Superintendent of N.S.W., Bill introduced many of the procedures which are now accepted as commonplace and to his family, we extend our very deepest condolences.

Life Members of Sydney Branch are -

V. Besemo	A. Loton	A. Olson
L. Buck	D. Lucas	A. Purcell
A. Castleman	L. McDonald	E. Sier
W. Crain	R. McKenna	H. Small
A. Curlewis	J. McRorie	J. Switzer
J. Dempster	C. Mack	L. Turner
N. Hayton	J. Marsden	J. Vaughan
J. Hodge	R. Michaelis	K. Watson
R. Howells	T. Moran	G. Williams
G. Johnson	R. Moroney	V. Williams
G. Lindsay	A. Moseley	G. Wilson

GEAR INSPECTION.

The Annual Gear Inspection was again conducted this season on the weekend of October 14 and 15, 1967 and was instrumental in all gear being brought to a very high standard early in the season. We record our appreciation to those members of the Gear Inspection Committee who performed their duties so diligently and also our appreciation to those Clubs who displayed such a fine array of gear, brought to near perfection by their Gear Stewards.

Under will be found results of the competition for the D.C. Lucas Gear Inspection Trophy -

Place	Club	Points	Place	Club	Points
1	Coogee	100.00	9	Bondi	95.68
2	Cronulla	99.35	10	Tamarama	95.56
3	Bronte	99.02	11	Burning Palms	93.71
4	North Cronulla	98.94	12	North Bondi	93.07
5	Maroubra	97.56	13	Clovelly	92.96
6	Garie	97.44	14	Elouera	88.90
7	Wanda	97.38	15	South Maroubra	87.57
8	Era	97.04			

DOOR KNOCK APPEAL, NOVEMBER 4 and 5, 1967.

Undoubtedly, one of the most controversial schemes adopted over recent years was the Door Knock Appeal conducted early in November. Many Clubs and individuals were critical of the proposal, but even the sternest critics must agree that the financial return was rewarding.

Some Clubs organised their resources to the fullest and they would be the best judges of whether the funds received reached their expectations, but in all cases, Clubs who took part in the Door Knock received monies that would not otherwise have been forthcoming.

A high degree of co-operation was received from various Councils throughout the Sydney Metropolitan Area and to these Councils we extend our thanks.

It would be true to say that the return to the Clubs was directly in proportion to the effort expended and those Clubs who mustered only a small number of members were still rewarded with a handsome income; indeed, the smallest return by any Club was \$461.00. As opposed to this, the North Cronulla Club's net income of \$1,991.00 was an outstanding feat.

The Branch had retained the services of Mr. John Pope, a professional organiser of such appeals and Mr. Pope discharged his duties quite diligently. Overall expenses for the Appeal were kept to a minimum and a number of voucher books, etc., which were printed and not used, could be utilised in future Appeals.

The Branch, itself, benefited to the extent of \$1,100.00 and to all those Clubs and individual members who took part in the appeal, we extend our very sincere appreciation of their efforts and we trust that the financial return of over \$11,000.00 within the Branch, will tempt their consideration of conducting a similar appeal in the future.

We must also, at this stage, record our appreciation to the Branch Treasurer, John Vaughan, for his careful attending to the various matters arising from the Appeal and in particular, to Peter Stapleton, for a most thorough audit.

Final distribution to Clubs was -

Bondi.....	\$615.52	Nth Cronulla.....	\$1,991.10
Tamarama.....	\$461.14	Cronulla.....	\$1,300.31
Bronte.....	\$549.68	Garie.....	\$638.02
Coogee.....	\$468.80	Era.....	\$507.62
South Marbours..	\$591.58	Burning Palms.....	\$1,142.06
Wanda.....	\$696.48		

CHARITY BOWLS DAY, JULY 28, 1968:

We were again indebted to the Canterbury-Bankstown League Social Bowling Club and the Lakemba Bowling Club for their continued support in staging the second of what we now trust will be an annual Charity Bowls Day.

A greater degree of co-operation was forthcoming from the Clubs than on the previous occasion and it is with pleasure we note the funds raised were in excess of \$400.00. To Mr. Jack Johnson, the Hon. Organiser, and indeed all the organising committee, we extend a very sincere thank you.

ASSOCIATION GEAR.

In our constant striving for greater efficiency from our gear, we have witnessed a number of innovations and new items of equipment being introduced over the concluding season. A safety release belt, based upon the release belt in use in South Africa, has now been approved for use immediately in N.S.W. by the State Centre and it is anticipated that this belt will very quickly replace the now superceded Ross Safety Belt. The principle of the new belt, which will be known as the "Type SA" belt, is a considerable improvement over the Ross Belt and will undoubtedly be welcomed by the Clubs.

Polythene surf lines have been giving unsatisfactory service and constant reference to this item of equipment has been made in various reports to and from the N.S.W. State Centre. The matter reached a crisis towards the close of the season and the N.S.W. State Centre then forbid the use of any polythene surf lines by the Clubs.

Of a less radical nature, but nevertheless quite important, has been the rapid increase of the popularity of the tubular steel surf reel over the previous timber reel. Two models of the metal reels are now available in addition to the timber reels, so the Clubs are afforded an excellent opportunity in this regard to seek out a piece of equipment which best serves their purposes.

Of a domestic nature, the Branch has now forbidden the use of metal buoy markers, etc., in surf boat racing and it is anticipated that a new polythene boat buoy will be available for use in competition in the coming season.

Previous mention has been made of the Gear Trailer supplied to the Sydney Branch by the B.P. Company and largely equipped by very generous donations from various business houses.

Mention must also be made at this stage of the Branch Gear Steward and Deputy Superintendent, Albert Moseley, and we are indeed appreciative of this gentleman for his accommodation of the Gear Trailer at his home.

FINANCE.

The Branch at present is in a very sound financial position. During the year, we were able to transfer \$3,000 into investments and we also purchased new equipment for the office and equipment to assist in the conducting of carnivals.

Our income exceeded the expenditure by \$1,215 and this was due mainly to the Door Knock Appeal conducted in November. Not included is the \$419 raised in July at the Bowls Day and this will further strengthen our position. In general, all sources of income increased, but to some degree this was offset by higher expenditure.

Thanks are due to the Officers and delegates for their help in financial matters and particularly those who assisted in the Door Knock and Bowls Day. Thanks also to the Auditor, Peter Stapleton, for auditing the books and assistance during the season.

John Vaughan, Hon. Treasurer

SURF LIFE SAVING

SYDNEY

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

1966/67		1967/68
\$		\$
1,040.00	Secretarial Allowance	1,080.00
403.00	Printing and Stationery	558.35
144.00	Depreciation	413.04
247.00	Telephone	294.40
179.00	Postages	284.57
-	Branch Team Expenses	205.28
140.00	Carnival Expenses	64.31
-	Hire of Office Equipment	45.00
62.00	Handbooks and Badges	-
169.00	Social Functions	49.00
29.00	Repairs and Maintenance	40.00
7.00	Instructional Expenses	-
-	Floral Tributes	20.00
8.00	Insurances	14.52
<u>2,428.00</u>	<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>3,068.47</u>
	<u>Excess of Income over Expenditure for</u>	
<u>439.00</u>	<u>year, transferred to Accumulated Funds</u>	<u>1,215.29</u>
<u>\$2,867.00</u>		<u>\$4,283.76</u>

BALANCE SHEET

	<u>Current Liabilities:</u>	
-	Sundry Creditors	424.03
	<u>Accumulated Funds:</u>	
	Balance, June 30, 1967	3,559.08
	Add: Excess of Income over	
	Expenditure for year	1,215.29
3,559.00	Gear Trailer	<u>150.00</u> 4,924.37
<u>\$3,559.00</u>		<u>\$5,348.40</u>

A.R. Loton
President

G.B. Staunton
Hon. Secretary

Honorary Auditor's

I report to the members of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia, Sydney Branch, that I have examined the books, accounts and other records of the Sydney Branch and have obtained all the

ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

BRANCH

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1968.

1966/67

\$

-	Door Knock Appeal Proceeds
1,124.00	N.S.W. State Government Grant
731.00	Capitation Fees
310.00	Donations
280.00	Affiliation Fees
78.00	Interest Received - C'wealth Savings Bank
202.00	Examination Fees
76.00	Profit on Branch Carnivals
-	Dividend Received - N.S.W. Permanent Building Society Limited
16.00	Sundry Income
50.00	Carnival Charges

1967/68

\$

1,125.38
1,085.00
821.20
473.20
300.00
108.28
234.85
92.57
43.28
-
-

\$2,867.00

\$4,283.76

AS AT JUNE 30, 1968

	Fixed Assets: (At cost less Dpn)	
168.00	Office Equipment	432.00
122.00	Carnival Gear	394.00
		826.00
	Investments: (At cost)	
	Shares in N.S.W. Permanent Building Society Limited	3,000.00
	Current Assets:	
53.00	Handbook Stock	-
2,989.00	Cash at Commonwealth Sav. Bank	1,346.40
40.00	Cash on Hand	40.00
187.00	Sundry Debtors	136.00
		1,522.40
<u>\$3,559.00</u>		<u>\$5,348.40</u>

J.K. Vaughan
Hon. Treasurer

Report

information and explanations required by me. In my opinion, the above Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the above Association, as at June 30, 1968.

P.R. Stapleton, Hon. Auditor.

N.S.W. STATE CENTRE.

We extend our congratulations to the Present Mr. C.K. Asmussen; the Deputy President Mr. E. Lawler; especially to the Secretary, Mr. Bruce Brewin; and also to the other Officers of the N.S.W. State Centre, for the successful completion of another season.

Many personnel changes have been made in the State Centre over recent years and it is pleasing to note the influx of new delegates and Officers who, in combination with the more experienced Officers, have given the N.S.W. State Centre a strong background of administrative ability.

We have conducted our affairs with the State Centre most harmoniously and we must also congratulate the State Superintendent, Mr. Lionel McDonald and the Hon. Registrar, Mr. Jack O'Reilly, for the manner in which they have carried out their duties.

The Publicity Officer, Mr. John Beasley, has been diligent in his duties and was instrumental in the conducting of a press conference early in the season.

Special mention must also be made of Mr. Alan Whelpton, Treasurer of the State Centre and we extend our congratulations and appreciation for the very enthusiastic manner in which he has gone about his affairs.

NATIONAL COUNCIL.

Under the very capable Chairmanship of His Honour Judge Sir Adrian Curlewis and the organisational ability of the National Secretary, Mr. Ken Watson, the National Council has continued to flourish and has carried out its duties to its usual high standard.

The various activities and edicts of the National Council have been promulgated to States, Branches and Clubs by the issue of regular National Council bulletins and also the continuance of the "National News".

A very impressive and thoroughly organised complimentary dinner was given to His Honour Judge Sir Adrian Curlewis and Lady Curlewis at the University Club on November 25, 1967 and it was this Branch's pleasure to be represented on that occasion.

The National Council season has been a very full one and it is anticipated that 1968-69 will make even greater demands with the conducting of the Instructional Conference and virtually all handbooks being under full-scale revision.

To the National Superintendent, Mr. Jack Dearlove, we also extend our congratulations for his task well done. Similarly, we extend our appreciation to the other Officers and Delegates of the National Council for their diligent attention to their duties.

The N.S.W. State Centre is represented on the National Council by Messrs.

C.K. Asmussen and G.B. Staunton.

The National Council was instrumental in bringing the Rothmans Insurance Scheme to full fruition and to the Rothmans Company, we extend our appreciation of their very tangible support and their financial assistance.

It has been resolved that a meeting of the International Council will be held next season during the period of May to July and all States and Branches are currently being asked to lodge submissions in this respect. Plans are also well underway for the visit to Australia by a New Zealand representative team in 1970.

We extend also our congratulations to Messrs. Bruce Bowman and Jack Dearlove upon their election as Manager and Instructor respectively of the Australian Team to tour South Africa next season and we do trust that the efforts to equip and have this team compete in South Africa will be crowned with success.

Finally, but by no means least, the National Council has recently announced that a further donation of \$6,000.00 has been received from an anonymous donor. This anonymous donor has been a consistent supporter of the Association over recent seasons and with this further donation, the total funds received have now reached the staggering figure of \$37,000.00. To this unknown donor, we can only extend our very sincere appreciation on behalf of each and every member of our Surf Clubs.

JUVENILE ASSOCIATION.

The Sydney Branch Juvenile Association has continued to flourish as a somewhat autonomous body and there have been periods throughout the season when the Branch has lost contact with the Nippers' activities. However, a recent change of office in the Juvenile Association may, we trust, result in an improvement in liaison.

Concern has been expressed both in the Sydney Branch and in the Sydney Juvenile Association at some of the trends which are taking shape in the State Juvenile section. Proposals are being considered by that State body for the issuing of their own Meritorious Awards, Resuscitation Certificates, etc., and it is generally agreed within Sydney Branch that these developments were not originally intended in the formation of a Juvenile Association.

It was originally envisaged to be a "feeder" movement whereby Nippers would be introduced to the basics of surf life saving and as they turned of age, they would be channeled into the various surf clubs. In many respects, of course, this basic intention is still being observed, but there are growing tendencies that the movement is developing into an operation slightly different and concern has been expressed that the members are not being channeled into surf clubs quite as soon as they could and that the issuing of such awards is not called for.

To all those gentlemen who devote so much of their time to the Nipper

movement, we extend our very sincere appreciation and trust that their efforts will continue to be crowned with success.

B.P. - WARATAH SURF BOAT MARATHON RACE, OCTOBER 8, 1967.

At the very outset of the season, an invitation was received from the Sydney Committee, who conduct the Sydney Waratah Festival, for this Association to organise a Marathon Boat Race on the Sydney Harbour. It was further proposed that the boat race should coincide with the start of the B.P. Ocean Classic for powerboats, which entails a marathon powerboat race to Newcastle and return.

The invitation was accepted and a highly successful Marathon Surf Boat Race was staged between Watsons Bay to a finishing point off the Opera House. The Referee on the day, Mr. Albert Moseley, is to be complimented for his efficient handling of the event and it is very pleasing to note that a similar invitation has again been received to stage a Marathon Boat Race in 1968. Correspondence is currently to hand from the B.P. Company indicating that they will again support the event to the extent of a fully equipped surf reel and the Branch has resolved that the 1968 event will be conducted on Sunday, October 13.

We extend our appreciation to the B.P. Company and to those other donors who supported the event in 1967 and to the winners of the 1967 race, the Bulli S.L.S.C., our congratulations for a most creditable performance.

SYMPATHIES.

The President, Mr. A.R. Loton, Deputy President Mr. D.C. Lucas, Branch Officers and member Clubs express their sincere condolences to all those members of the Association and our Clubs who have suffered bereavement throughout the concluding season.

Mention has been made previously in this report of the unfortunate passing of Mr. Bill Foerster, a Life Member of the Sydney Branch and it is also with deep regret that we record at this stage the death of Mrs. Moroney, wife of Life Member, Roger Moroney. To Roger, the family and friends of Bill Foerster, and indeed all those members who have suffered bereavement, we express our deep sympathy.

BRANCH ADMINISTRATION.

As in previous season, the Branch has continued to be administered from the business establishment of the Honorary Secretary at 335 Illawarra Road, Marriockville. We would be seriously remiss if we did not, at this stage, extend our very sincere thanks to Mrs. Joan Vaughan for the many tasks which she carries out on behalf of the Branch and the Board of Examiners in a most capable and efficient manner. As stated in previous annual reports, the presentation of this report itself is ample testimony to the very high standard of work which we have become accustomed to receiving from Mrs. Vaughan.

THANKS AND APPRECIATION.

I would extend appreciation to all those people and organisations mentioned elsewhere in this report; also in particular, I would extend appreciation to the following....

The Governments of the Commonwealth of Australia and the State of N.S.W. for their financial support and interest in our movement.

The Rothmans Company for their tangible assistance in the Lifesavers Insurance scheme, Audio Visual films and in many other ways.

The local Government bodies of the seaside areas for their support of our Clubs and especially to those Councils and Shires who gave permission for the Door Knock Appeal to be conducted in their areas.

The other organisations who assisted our Clubs in making the Door Knock Appeal the success it was.

The radio, press and T.V. mediums for recognition of surf lifesaving as both an immensely popular sport and a great humanitarian service.

To all those Club Officers and members who carried out their duties to such a high standard during 1967-68.

Our Vice-Patrons for their continued interest and support.

Our Registrar, Harry Brown, who has concluded a most busy season as President of North Cronulla Club - host of the Australian Surf Championship Carnivals - with duties within the Branch and on a number of committees. We can only say, thank you.

Walter Crain, who as Legal Advisor to the Branch, has been the traditional "tower of strength". Mr. Crain occupied similar positions in the State Centre and National Council, but was never too busy to give his full attention to a Branch request.

Murray Don, who until the time of his resignation to travel overseas, was a most valued Officer who carried out his duties of Assistant Treasurer to a very high standard.

The Boat Inspector, George Challis, who has concluded another season in this most important office. George's wide knowledge and experience in the craft field is one of the valuable assets of the Branch.

Ron Buist, who has combined his duties of Vice-President of the Branch, a member of a number of active Branch Committees, with the office of President of his own Club.

The Insurance Officer, Barry Regan, for his efforts over many seasons.

Finally, I have kept until last my own thanks, and I am sure the thanks of the Council and the Clubs, to the following gentlemen.

Our President, Alf Loton, for his continued guidance and personal assistance over many years.

The Deputy President, Don Lucas, who combines his duties within the Association with those of a Councillor on the Sutherland Shire, a committee member of the Aquatic Club, besides being Secretary of the Resuscitation Research Council of N.S.W.

During the period after my accident in January, I was fortunately able to attend to the affairs of the Branch, but was not able to attend the Council meetings. Over this time, I came to fully appreciate the personal support of my Assistant Secretary, Trevor Elliott. I can assure the Council that Trevor has done everything and more than has been asked of him.

John Vaughan was undoubtedly my main stay during the year and has concluded his usual busy season as Secretary of the Burning Palms Club, Secretary of the Board of Examiners, Treasurer of the Branch, Chief Organiser of the Bowls Day, Delegate to the N.S.W. State Centre, as well as an active member of a number of State and Sydney Branch Committees.

To John, Trevor, Don and Alf, and indeed to all those Officers and members who have assisted by their support during the season, I extend a very sincere thank you.

On behalf of the Branch Council,

GUS B. STAUNTON

Honorary Secretary, Sydney Branch,
S.L.S.A. of A.

ADDENDUM

I wish to thank all Branch Officers and members of the Board of Examiners who have conscientiously carried out their duties during the past season, and whilst not wishing to single out individuals, would particularly congratulate Mr. Harry Brown, the Hon. Registrar, who in addition to his Association and Club duties, so capably led the North Cronulla Club in organising a wonderful Australian Championship Carnival.

A.R. Loton,
President.

CLUBS, RESCUES, AWARDS, CLUB GEAR, MEMBERSHIP

SYDNEY BRANCH, SEASON 1967-68

	Rescues				Resuscitation	Awards						Approx Value Club Gear \$	Membership				
	With line	With boat	Other gear	Without line		Bronze	Instructors	Q.C.	Grand Total to date				Active	Reserve Active	Cadets	Associate	Others
									Bronze	Instr.	Q.C.						
Burning Palms	3	-	-	1	-	13	6	-	119	22	8	1606	30	-	-	60	9
Era	3	-	-	16	-	13	-	-	245	50	18	1487	47	5	4	31	-
Garie	15	3	-	9	-	9	-	1	232	47	24	400	44	30	1	13	57
Cronulla	20	3	3	86	2	32	4	18	1304	239	351	5600	133	109	32	100	200
Nth Cronulla	26	3	-	41	-	38	6	27	1225	240	272	40000	166	42	53	28	112
Wanda	33	-	-	26	-	41	7	28	495	95	182	2400	144	65	45	38	50
Elouera	17	1	8	13	-	27	5	7	27	5	7	3800	48	25	9	30	31
Sth Maroubra	22	1	1	21	-	11	2	-	98	15	6	565	65	5	4	10	29
Maroubra	51	-	23	106	-	16	1	1	1098	185	120	13000	129	144	24	73	35
Coogee	8	-	9	61	1	24	8	6	1409	118	219	2400	119	53	22	300	94
Clovelly	1	-	15	40	-	25	5	2	633	119	111	2500	120	37	14	99	63
Bronte	24	-	15	14	-	35	5	2	1054	168	123	1540	141	89	4	20	30
Tamarama	233	1	47	1	-	5	3	5	468	74	80	900	97	33	7	31	67
Bondi	32	1	-	52	-	32	7	8	1279	275	346	5640	126	148	14	142	46
Nth Bondi	24	-	1	16	-	34	4	8	1243	199	178	3000	136	171	22	222	121
<u>Total:</u>	512	13	110	503	3	355	63	113	10929	1851	2045	84838	1545	956	255	1197	944

